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Dear Senator Willey:

I wish to thank you for your letter and the attachment from the Congressional Record containing a report on your bill proposing a Citizens Council for Advocacy of Freedom.

I fully share your views that there is a need to increase public awareness of the Soviet ideological offensive. There is no doubt that it is part of a total Communist effort to subvert and ultimately control the non-Communist countries throughout the world.

One important way to counter this offensive is to expand our own efforts to spread the word of freedom to the rest of the world. This is, as you recognize, an important battle for men's minds and we cannot afford to let our own efforts lag.

Our overall objective should be one of building strength and stability as a base from which to counter the Soviet offensive, and from that base we hope to see an ever-increasing spread of freedom. Our propaganda is usually only as good as our action. There are no shortcuts to the vast military, economic, and political efforts which are required to build up the strength of the world.

While I am in agreement with the objectives of your bill, I believe that it is more appropriate for others to comment on the particulars of your proposal. As you know, this is a matter which has received the continuing attention of several agencies of the government as well as private advisory groups who have reported to the President and the U. S. Information Agency.

I appreciate your compliments on the work of the Central Intelligence Agency and your desire to have a representative associated with the Council you propose. I can assure you we are giving the highest priority to this important subject within the scope of our responsibilities.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a proposed letter for your signature to Senator Wiley in response to his request for comments on S. 2188, copy attached, with Wiley's comments on the floor when he introduced it. This letter was prepared by

I have discussed the matter with Sam Hughes in the Bureau of the Budget. It was agreeable that we send this type of letter without formal clearance with the Bureau of the Budget. They requested that they receive a copy of the letter. Recommend signature.

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Legislative Counsel

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